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## GOADED TO SUICIDE.

### EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST ON GENERAL LUARD.

"SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE SNAPPED."

### THE CORONER'S DISGUST AT BASE INSINUATIONS & ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

TESTON, Saturday Night.—In the little parish hall of the pretty village of Teston the closing scene to the sequel of the Sevenoaks murder was enacted this afternoon, when the inquest on Maj.-gen. Luard reported in detail on Page 6. It was held by Mr. Thomas Buss, the coroner for West Kent. Sad as was the tragedy in itself, the conditions under which the inquest was held added to its pugnacity. Here in the small hall were again many of the same faces which but a short time ago were seen at the inquest on the murdered Mrs. Luard. The coroner himself had presided at the inquiry on Mrs. Luard when Gen. Luard was a witness.

It was curious that the interior of the parish hall should give the appearance of a dramatic representation to proceedings connected with a tragedy in which there was so much resembling the melodramatic rather than real life. The coroner sat on a stage at the end of the hall. Beside him were Col. Warde, M.P., the dead general's last host, Maj. Lafone, and Capt. Ford. Below, on the floor of the hall, was the audience in the grim scene—the jury, pressmen, and public.

As those engaged in the proceedings, crowded in the parish hall I could not refrain from reflecting on the scene where the General flung himself to his death. There in the bright sunshine a red spot on the railway line marked the place which he had selected in so terrible a manner to escape from his overpowering grief. Almost opposite, in the South Lodge of Barham Court, on the main road, lay the mangled remains of the unfortunate General. To this temporary mortuary, with blinds still drawn, the jury went in a brake to view the body.

Through the whole of the dramatic evidence the terse phrase of Gen. Luard's, "Something snapped" occurred again and again. In the testimony of Col. Warde, who spoke with the self-possession of a soldier but with the sympathy of a friend, the phrase ran like an accompaniment. As he told the story of the closing days of the General a hush fell on the court such as is seldom experienced.

But the most dramatic incident of all was when the son of a murdered mother, and a father driven to destruction through grief, was called. His entrance was all the more startling as it had been given out that he was not in attendance. The last letter from his father, however, could not be opened without his consent, and the coroner was compelled to call him. Tall, upright, with fair moustache, a typical specimen of the Army officer, he strode across the platform and took a seat at the side of the coroner, who handed to him the still unopened letter from his father.

Struggling against the emotions of a close observer could detect in his set jaw and twitching fingers, Col. Luard took the letter from the coroner and rapidly opened it. With slightly flushed face, he slowly read the communication, and handed it to the coroner, murmuring, "There is nothing in it in connection with this." The coroner then read the letter through, and something like a sigh of relief passed over the face as he announced that there was no need to read it, and thus spared the feelings of an already grief-stricken son.

**THE EVIDENCE.**  
After the Mayor of Maidstone had expressed the sympathy of that town with the relatives of Gen. Luard and Col. Warde, M.P., a young footman named Bernard Kelly was called. His testimony was to the effect that he called Gen. Luard at 8.10 a.m. on Friday, and he then appeared to be in his usual state of health. Kelly was followed in the box by James Wolf, whose evidence proved interesting and important. He said that in consequence of the General not coming down to breakfast on Friday morning, he went to his bedroom, and found that he was not there. Continuing, witness said: "I told Col. Warde, who was in the garden, and he informed me that the General had destroyed himself. It then occurred to me that I ought to go to the bedroom to see if there were any evidence. I did so, and I found three letters. Col. Warde's was on top, and there were others to Capt. Luard and to Mr.

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## SIR RICHARD ESCOMBE.

A Romance. . . By MAX PEMBERTON.

## CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

Now, Kitty had gone down to the garden and from the garden to the shore. There, in the moonlight, she walked a full hour, so distressed, full of the gravest apprehensions, that surely her pride did penance in that hour for all the sins she had committed since pride could sin at all.

For, you see, the whole meaning of it had come to Kitty in a moment, as though a flash from heaven above showed her a pit at her feet, and she had drawn back shivering. Many a time had she doubted Lord Harborne's sincerity, many a time scoffed at the notion of marriage with him, and said that he was but making game of her simple parents. For all that, the new turn which things had taken came to her as a revelation of infamy black beyond all belief.

"Oh," she would cry, "if I had but a friend, but one in all the country—a house to harbor me, an honest man at my side!" And in the same breath she would remember her treatment of Dick and try to say that he had deserved it, and break down wholly in the task and shed bitter tears because of all that had befallen him. Dick had treated her badly enough—it was beyond bearing to reflect the affair at Sherborne, and what she had suffered because of it—nevertheless, had Sir Richard come to her to-night, just opened his arms to her and said, "Kitty," ah, how she would have run to him, what tears of joy have shed, what words sobbed out upon his heart—if Dick had come to her!

"My dear lord," says Kitty, "if I were a brave girl enough—this record must prove as much—and we shall pass by a scene of weakness as one that is rare in her story. Flight had carried her a good way from Brighton upon the cliff road to Shoreham, and delighting in the clear, cool air that blew up from the sea, the picturesque scene of moonlight and the black shapes of the fishermen's boats, she recovered her spirit presently and discovered that weakness was the prelude to a resolution such as she had never known in all her life before.

Now she could begin to ask if she might ever return to my lord's house at all; or, if she did not return, what alternative lay before her. Young as she was, she perceived that any public scandal would be precious to my lord, and that some account of it, once published abroad, would ruin her irretrievably. Or, more than this, we may imagine that she cringed from the thought that this night's story might come to Sir Richard's ears, and driven by that chiefly, but also by a very real fear of the company she had left, she sought her suddenly in her kinswoman, her aunt Elizabeth, who had a house at Marlow, and to whom a visit had already been proposed. Here was a saving idea which rewarded her courage. Kitty hesitated no longer. To Marlow she said that she would go—she knew not now or then, but at the earliest possible moment; in which happy resolution she perceived for the first time how far she had walked and how late the hour must be.

Why, yonder stood Shoreham itself! She could count the lights upon the quays and the pier, discern the windows of the houses, and even hear a steamer hailing a vessel in the river. A prettier picture could be imagined than that of the moonlit sea and the anchored vessels and the black houses and the squat church spire, whose bells were just chiming the hour, but Kitty would have liked better if the strokes of the clapper had been fewer, for the chime said o'clock as plainly as a bell ever spoke at all, and she knew that two good hours had passed since she quitted the house and went flying like a thoroughbred over the cliffs.

Two hours in that passion of anger against those who had affronted her—two hours lamenting her unfeigned condition and her loneliness! Was it not something to set her heart bounding and to bring upon her the true understanding as to her condition and its limitations?

Kitty might have admitted it but in one circumstance, and that was the appearance at the tollgate of Shoreham of my lord Harborne himself, mounted upon the very black horse he had ridden down from London, while by his side walked Honor Marwood as deep in talk with him as gossip that ever mumbled mischievous across a tea-cup. At which dismay Kitty stood quite still, as though someone had struck her a blow. Oh, sure, she understood the meaning of it perfectly! Nothing was hidden from her; the child comprehended that which the woman might have passed by.

"She came to me with a lie, then," her unspoken thought; "it was false—all—all. Dick sent me no message; he has never written a line. This woman is my lord's messenger; you are laughing at it now. Oh, the simple maid who believed their story and the slut's tears—oh, the shame!—and she an actress, and I thought I—no, no—I was not deceived, never believed—never, never, that she had written—that he remembered—no, I won't believe it—I won't!

Rage, shame, and bitter resolution now crowded together upon her as she turned swiftly and ran back toward Brighton at even better pace than she had come. Her determination to escape at any cost, to flee the country, to go she cared not whether the journey but carried her beyond the confines of the shame—this galliard; but she was at a loss to say how this might arrive out when she heard a horse tearing behind her—and almost immediately my lord rode up and called a hallo to wait for him.

CHAPTER XX.

WHICH WE MEET OF A NIGHT.

Kitty, by all that's amazin', it's little kitty.

She had run herself to a standstill

"Oh, my dear lord—what a memory!"

"And here at Brighton you've treated me no better than a dog—a mere mongrel who has forgotten how to bark. I'll not stand that, Kitty—by the stars, I won't."

He laughed at his own assumption of ferocity—and, in truth, we find both in his manner of speaking and his insolence toward her something very foreign to the habitual dignity and shrewdness of this capable man. In a word, my lord Harborne had been just the half of an hour too long over the bottle, and this clown's mood was the result. Kitty quickly understood as much, and would have readily escaped him—but every time she tried to rise his arm closed about her—and, fearing to provoke him to something more impudent, she still continued to parley.

"Dogs have no souls—they must suffer sometimes," she said; "would you go home now if I said the word?"

"Not a step of the way. Your eyes hold me like a lodestar. Is that my fault? Not a bit of it—blame the moonlight and your pretty face. By all there is in life, Kitty, I shall make you love me—else understand that—make you love me. Is it nothing that I have more to offer than any man you've met or ever will meet?"

"The very thing I said to me Anthony—not five minutes ago. She'll be upstairs all the time, I said—and what must the idiot be doing but setting off for Shoreham after her. Oh, sorrow the day that I was married to an elephant, sorry she—but wait till he comes home and I'll know his reasons—ay, Mr. Willoughby, and with justice!"

At first she thought it was but a fit of the vapours, that it would pass immediately and send Kitty back to her, if not repentant, at least acquiescent. When this did not happen, when hour succeeded hour and the servants were sent this way and that in quest of the missing girl, then in truth a mother's instinct returned—and from anger the poor old soul passed to laments and from laments to downright honest tears, shed abundantly and with meaning. Pathetically, and with hands upraised, she asked old Dulcimor if she had ever desired aught in all this world but Kitty's happiness; if she had planned, Kitten's happiness; if she had travelled down from London—and there, with his very foot upon the step, he came face to face with Kitty, and made mention of it.

"The King, they say, is very pleased with him," he remarked, in a general impulse, not to be restrained.

To this Kitty replied by the first earnest word she had spoken since they quitted Brighton.

"Then Sir Richard has been to London again, cousin?"

"Not once since you were there. They tell the oddest things of him. He was Medmenham a monk; in fact as well as name, Sir Dick would be the very man for a habit in the place."

Kitty thought upon this for a little while, and presently she said—

"Why do you speak to me of Sir Richard, cousin; why does everyone speak to me of him?"

"Because we all thought that you loved him, Kitty."

"And you, cousin—did you believe it?"

"Could I help it, Kitty? If it had not been so, if I had not thought it so, would not I have told you long ago what I have always been afraid to tell you, Kitty?"

Here was a declaration if you like; and what would have followed upon it but for Kitty's discreet nod only known.

Young Willoughby, a great hope returning to him, had no other desire than to catch Kitty in his arms and, holding her close, to take an oath that no day of his life should separate them again—which folly, perchance, he would have committed had not he surprised her pretty eyes regarding the distant castle so wistfully that all her secret was to be read in an instant and his own supreme desire frozen at his heart. Kitty, however, wished still to deceive him; and speaking very kindly, she said—

"I shall never leave to love, cousin; it is a lesson no one can teach me."

"Ah, Kitty, if I could believe that. Look in my eyes and tell me it is the truth."

"No, no," she cried. "The sun is setting and it blinds me, cousin; look, all the west is afame. I cannot speak of it. And now the castle is far before us; do not let us talk of it any more, cousin."

She obeyed her without a word. This knowledge, that whatever her lips might say, her heart was another man's, came to him as a sad echo of the declining day and an omen of that night through which, it seemed, all who loved Kitty Dulcimor must live.

"She will marry Richard Escombe or she will never marry at all," said Ensign Willoughby, and then with an instinctive dread of that which had been done, he asked himself, "What will he say, what will London say of last night's work?"

But this was a question the future alone could answer—and how it answered it we shall presently tell.

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obtained great relief from them, and this I have done for the last five years, and have always found them to relieve me and my brother, and I still continue to do so.

Treating you will not take offence at this poor letter—I remain yours truly,

J. HOPKIN a working man

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# SUICIDE OF GENERAL LUARD.

## SENSATIONAL SEQUEL TO THE BUNGALOW MURDER.

### BODY CUT TO PIECES BY A TRAIN.

The mysterious crime at Sevenoaks, which created so great a sensation a few weeks ago, has had a startling and tragic sequel in the suicide of Gen. Luard, the husband of the murdered lady.

In a letter which he wrote just before he ended his existence Gen. Luard stated that he was prompted to do so on account of the awful accusations which had been made against him in connection with his wife's death.

#### THE LAST SCENE.

The shocking murder of Mrs. Luard in the woods of Ightham has had a sensational sequel. Her husband,

looked up, and was astonished to see an old gentleman dash out from the gate on the opposite side and run just in front of the engine. "Of course, I could not see what happened to him at the moment," said the hopper afterwards, "because the train shut off my view, but I knew the gentleman must have been killed. Immediately the train had gone by I got across to the lines, and there I was horrified to see the body cut practically in halves. A few minutes afterwards a couple of platelayers arrived, and before long a police constable." The train before which Gen. Luard threw himself left Maidstone at 9 o'clock, bound for Paddock Wood. It was due to reach Wattingbury at 9.12. The crossing lies between East Farleigh and Wateringbury.



The last portrait taken of Gen. Luard and Dragon Hotel, Ightham, to give evidence at the inquest on his wife.

He is seen arriving at the George

and Dragon Hotel, Ightham, to give evidence at the inquest on his wife.

#### A Trail of Blood.

The driver of the engine, a man named Bridges, had, of course, noticed the General jump in front of the train. But he sprang forward so unexpectedly that the driver had not the slightest chance of pulling up to avoid running over him. Bridges applied the brakes promptly—so sharply, in fact, that some of the passengers were thrown from their seats. At the point where the train came to a standstill some platelayers were at work. In a hurried sentence both driver and fireman reported what had happened. "I think we've hit a man," they said. Two of the platelayers at once ran to the engine, and these were met by a horrifying spectacle. A body all smashed from breastbone to knees lay athwart the inner rail of the line coming westwards. The head and trunk were in the 5 ft. way, and the legs in the 6 ft. way, only loosely held together by the clothing. There was a trail of blood from the place where he had been struck to where he had been tossed or dragged. One of the men threw an old jacket over the corpse, another hastened for a sheet, a third ran to Teston, a little way up the valley on the north bank, to report the matter to the local constable. The railway authorities were apprised of what had occurred, and Col. Wardle was communicated with. He identified the remains of his poor friend and directed that they should be carried up to his Lodge. They were gathered up with as much care as possible in a truck cover, and carried to the Lodge, and the gruesome stains on the railway were as near as could be obliterated. Further identification of the remains was quite easy, for his linen was marked "C. E. Luard." A ring on one of his fingers was also inscribed, "C. E. Luard."

#### A SICKENING SIGHT.

It was just before 9 a.m. that the general left his bedroom, passing a maid on the staircase. He walked briskly from the house, and it was thought that he was merely going for a stroll before breakfast—a practice which he had followed during previous visits to Barham Court. The house—a picturesque old place—stands in spacious wooded grounds. Sheep browse before the windows, and the whole is a pastoral scene of great charm. As the general, wearing a black lounge suit and bowler hat, walked down the drive he passed the gatekeeper, an old man, who was sweeping up the autumn leaves. "Good morning, sir," said, in an almost cheerful tone, the general to the gatekeeper. The old man, somewhat surprised by the "sir," answered with no less cordiality. "Good morning to you, sir." So with these words in his ear, the general went to his death.

#### At the Level Crossing.

Passing the lodge, the general entered the Farleigh-rd. Along this he walked for about 50 yards to a five-barred gate on the right. From here it was but a short walk to the level crossing, which was hidden from view by a grass-covered mound. The general could have experienced no difficulty in scaling this gate. Walking over the mound he would come in a direct line with the gate giving directly on to the metals. The crossing, known as the Chalk Rough Crossing, is not a public way. It is used solely by farmers residing in the immediate district, who have the keys of the gates. Getting on to the line the general, it is presumed, calmly awaited the next passing train. On the opposite side of the line runs the River Medway, and here on its bank a "hopper" named Patrick Cale, belonging to Battersea, was about to have his morning wash. He heard a train coming from the direction of Maidstone. As it neared him he

Caroline Mary Hartley, the youngest daughter of Mr. Thos. Hartley, of Goldfoot, Cumberland, a member of an old north-country family. There is one surviving son of the marriage, Capt. C. E. Luard, who arrived in England yesterday.

#### MRS. LUARD'S DEATH.

#### A Mystery Which Has Not Been Cleared Up.

It will be a month to-morrow that the dead general was so cruelly bereaved by the murder of his wife. On that Monday afternoon, it will be recalled, Gen. and Mrs. Luard went for a walk near their house, Ightham Knoll. They parted at a wicket gate, Gen. Luard intending to proceed a little further alone, and the general going on to bring his golf clubs from Godden Green links. Gen. Luard went to the club house, and returned to his home to find that his wife had not arrived. A lady visitor was expected and duly arrived for tea, and after some time, as Mrs. Luard still did not appear, the general and his visitor went to look for her. As they neared the wicket-gate where Gen. and Mrs. Luard had parted, the general went on alone, and in his search reached a little summer-house belonging to a neighbour, which Mrs. Luard was in the habit of visiting.

#### The Discovery.

There on the verandah, face down-wards and her hands clasped behind her back, the general came upon the dead body of his wife. Two revolver

wounds were in her head, and three rings she had been wearing had been violently torn from her fingers. The bereaved man rushed to the house of a coachman named Wickham, who lived near by, and told him of his terrible discovery. The general had parted from his wife shortly after three, and it was about 5.15 that the discovery was made. The sound of the revolver was heard by Mrs. Wickham, the coachman's wife, but she paid no special attention to it, the sound of firing being frequently heard during the shooting season. The most careful investigations by skilled detectives have failed to throw any light on the mystery of Mrs. Luard's death, and the employment of bloodhounds has also proved fruitless. At the inquest Gen. Luard told in detail the story of his last walk with his wife and his discovery of the body. He stated that he knew of no one who could have had a motive for the crime. His wife, he added, was in the best of health. The general was re-examined at the adjourned inquest, but was able to add nothing to his earlier evidence.

#### AFTER THE CRIME.

#### PATENT DETAILS OF THE GENERAL'S LIFE.

Intimate details of Gen. Luard's life since the murder of his wife are published by "The Daily Graphic." Coming down to Thursday last, it is known that he visited Ightham Mote and the village churchyard on that day, wept over the grave of his wife, and, entering the church, wrote his name in a bold, fair hand in the visitors' book—"C. E. Luard." This

is Dr. Evatt's evidence.

—Dr. Evatt, who volunteered to give evidence, said that about six weeks ago deceased had a miscarriage, but he did not consider that that had anything to do with the cause of death. He was prepared to give a certificate of death of which pneumonia was the cause. —Coroner: Were you living with her as man and

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## THE CONDUCTOR.



any human being. He looked contented, and almost savagely proud of the isolation in which he lived. There was a touch of exaggeration in his appearance—a dash of Werter with a few flourishes of Jingle!

This harsh depreciation of the famous actor, who, for his part, never failed in public addresses to speak of his censor as "his dear friend," is presumably set down to serve as contrast to the estimate Miss Terry formed of Irving when, a decade later, she became his permanent ally.

In ten years he had found himself, and so lost himself—lost, I mean, much of that stiff, ugly, self-consciousness which had encased him as the shell encases the lobster. His forehead had become more massive, and the very outline of his features had altered. He was a man of the world, whose strenuous fighting now was to be done as a general—not, as hitherto, in the ranks. His manner was very quiet and gentle. "In quietness and confidence shall your strength," says the Psalmist. That was always like Henry Irving.

But hissyop again dropped in the drink, for she says: "He had precisely the qualities I never find likeable," an avowal, however, quite irreconcilable with the final judgment: "I have no doubt in the world of his genius—no doubt, in fact, that he is with David Garrick and Edmund Keen."

Miss Terry narrates how she once asked Irving, as he neared his end: "Do you ever think what you have got out of life?" "What have I got out of it?" said Henry, stroking his chin, and similing gently: "let me see—well, a good cigar, a good glass of wine—good friends."

The captivating actress tells how she made her debut on the stage whilst still an infant in a Glasgow pantomime as the Spirit of the Mustard Pot. But London claims her first appearance, occurring eight years later, in 1886, under Chas. Keen at the Princess's Theatre, as Mamillus in "The Winter's Tale." As a boy I remember that performance, though unable to recall Miss Terry as playing in it. In connection with her own stage education Miss Terry gave a broad hint to our younger actresses in her remark "that both my sister Kate and I have been trained, almost from our birth, and particularly in the important branch of clear articulation. My father was a very charming elocutionist, and my mother read Shakespeare beautifully. Again she says, "One should study early and late—all night, if need be, even at the cost of sleep." How many, or, rather, how few, are there now, through such a probation nowadays?

Cholera does not get much chance on English soil. Our fellow-countrymen are too well fed and our drainage system too perfect. Even in the visitation of 1832 the number of deaths is believed not to have exceeded 20, and of these 11 occurred in Greenwich Workhouse. Moreover, many of these cases were not due to genuine Asiatic cholera. Yet, during the same year, the scourge swept Russia from end to end, and accounted for no less than 260,000 victims between the beginning of June and the end of October.

It was otherwise before Lord Beaconsfield promulgated the great doctrine of sanitation, at which ignorant Radicals scoffed as "a policy of sewage." In the years 1831-32, the deaths from cholera reported in England alone were 52,547. A second visitation occurred in 1849, and then the mortality of London from that cause mounted up to over 13,000, and the total for England was 53,293. Even so late as 1855 cholera appeared in places so distant from one another as Liverpool, Bristol, and Southampton. It caught hold of the east of London, and in a single week there were 366 deaths. But our drainage and water supply are more efficient nowadays, though we have to pay extravagantly for those blessings, and there is no probability of an anti-cholera campaign like that conducted by the Metropolitan Relief Association in the year 1855.

## PIPER PAN.

The fact that each of the 12 Tariff Reform meetings of the next London season will be held in the same hall, with the keenest interest finding that every line of it (as did Sarah Bernhardt's memoirs) vividly reflects the writer's own distinguished personality. But, while the French tragedians tell us of little else than her own career, the English comedians intersperse her well-known life story with a running commentary pungent in its iniquity upon the various prominent players and workers with whom she has been linked. In her retrospective purview the player most eminent as well as the closest in historic association is, of course, Sir Henry Irving, regarding whom we "earnestly" —

One very foggy night, in December, 1887, I acted for the first time with Henry Irving. This ought to have been a great event in my life, but at the time it passed me by and left "no wrack behind." Until I went to the Lyceum, Henry Irving was nothing to me and I was nothing to him. I never consciously thought that he would become a great actor. He had no high opinion of my acting!

His soul was not more surely in his body than in the theatre, and I, a woman caring more about love and life than the theatre, must have been to him more or less unsympathetic. His fierce and indomitable will showed itself in his application to his work. I learned from watching him that to do work well the artist must spend his life in incessant labour and deny himself everything to that purpose. He was even almost ordinary-looking—with a moustache, an un wrinkled face, and a sloping forehead. The only wonderful thing about him was his melancholy. I remember being made aware of his presence by a sigh, the deepest, profoundest, sincerest sigh I ever heard from

hear from distinguished musicians who were there I should think that Mr. Granville Bantock's "Fantastic Fantasia" is the most successful of the four new works produced. It is described as dainty, melodious, and fairy-like; quite musical trifles of the most charming type, and certain to become immensely popular. It will be heard in London before long, and add very considerably to the already high reputation made by Mr. Bantock. Another agreeable feature of the festival has been the great success achieved by the young English tenor, Mr. Walter Hyde.

With regard to the autumn and winter musical season, I am pleased to notice that at both the Alexandra and Crystal Palaces activity is the order of the day. The Alexandra Palace Choral Society has enjoyed eminence for many years, and the eight concerts now announced have programmes conspicuous for interesting features, and a regard for native music that augurs well for success.

So many rumours have been current concerning the affairs of the Crystal Palace that it is reassuring and pleasant to learn that the 53rd annual series of Saturday afternoon concerts will commence on Oct. 31. Most attractive and varied programmes have been arranged; some orchestral, others operatic, and a good many violin, vocal and piano forte recitals. I think, by the bye, that the solo instrumentalists are particularly strong, and the vocalists, too, are all artists of the first rank.

## WILL WORKMAN.

My dear readers, it is a common error of the Radical and Socialist orator that there are no royalties on coal or iron, or what little of them does exist goes, not to the landlord, but to the State. If they will turn to "Mining Royalties," a penny pamphlet issued by the I.L.P., and written by a Socialist F.R.E.S., they will find their information

is somewhat out of joint. He tells us that in France and Europe generally the State grants a concession to a second party for a nominal royalty. He thus becomes the owner of the minerals, to work or lease as he thinks fit, with the result that royalties on coal vary from 2d. to 8d. per ton, and on iron ore of a few coppers to 4s. per ton.

This writer deliberately states that "in the rest of Europe a system of royalties has arisen on similar lines to our own, the foreign concessionaires carrying out the functions of landlords in Great Britain. Further than that, he points out, that the abolition of royalties, instead of benefiting our coal and iron ore producers, as Socialists appear to never tire of telling us, would strengthen the competitive power of the richest and weakest of the poorest coalfields. That is why the Northumberland miners are not in favour of such abolition. Their royalties are much less than those of the United Kingdom, and particularly South Wales, their greatest competitor.

The Radical candidate for Newcastle has staked the issue of the pending by-election there upon the fact that the Unionist party have not been slow to close with the offer. From 100 different platforms every day the Unionist and Tariff Reform speakers are hammering the hard conducted by a fact of Tariff Reform into the minds of foreign musicians of the 37,000 electors. The effect of our present system, in its production of unemployment, strikes, lock-outs, increasing pauperism, and decreasing prosperity and wages, is being tellingly made plain, with the result that another Radical seat will be lost to the party of social disintegration and helpless financiers.

Mr. Shortt has not been there long, but quite long enough to realise that the working men of Newcastle are not in love with the Free Trade panacea for failing trade and rising distress. Even the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" offers him no sympathy, but plainly proves that Free Trade as a policy has been weighed in the balance and found wanting to such an extent that while unemployment in Germany is only 28 per 1,000, in the United Kingdom it is 89 per 1,000. Three times greater!

On Monday last the Radical candidate greedily swallowed a fairy tale issued by the North "Mail" to the effect that during 1906 and 1907 unemployment in Germany was 88 per 1,000, and in Great Britain only 48 per 1,000. Well, in front of me is a Free Trade Union League No. 102, on "Unemployment in Germany," and in it we are told that in 1906 the figures for Germany were 124 per 1,000, and for 1907 they were 15 per 1,000—a flat contradiction of their own candidate. I may add that an inquiry for No. 102 leaflet at the Free Trade shop I was informed that it had been withdrawn on "Shortt" notice.

The electors are being told much about the desire of Germany to adopt Free Trade in order to increase her prosperity, and that every Socialist is a Free Trader. Unfortunately for the Free Trade beguilements of the people Sir Francis Oppenheimer gives the lie direct to all such statements. On page 24 of his valuable report for Frankfort he declares, "To-day the expression 'Free Trade' is never heard in Germany in the discussion of German affairs, not even in theoretical arguments, and the Free Traders are silently resigned to their fate. Out of 337 members of the Imperial Parliament not one is pledged to Free Trade."

Mr. J. M. Robertson, M.P., is a smart man, who occasionally makes a sharp argument and misleading metaphors for truth. He describes the

Unionist candidate as "the rawest material he had ever met," and Tariff Reformers as people "who began to speak not knowing what they were going to say, and sat down not knowing what they had said." And 89 out of every 1,000 have no work to do!

Here is another Free Trade Union leaflet, viz., No. 97; and it tells "the truth about the coal tax." It is all too funny. From it we learn that the export tax of 1s. per ton diminished wages, employment and production. When I tell my readers that the increase in the production of coal during the five years the tax was in force was greater, absolutely and relatively, than during the last five years before its adoption, that the increase in number of employees was also relatively greater, and that the only bit of truth in the statement is that the tax reduced wages, they will see that with the Free Trade Union truth is very precious, and a little of it is made to go a long way.

And why did it reduce wages, profits, and shipping freights? Simply because (to quote the report of the Coal Tax Executive Committee) only by paying the tax ourselves out of wages, profits, and freights could we keep our coal exports trade Europe generally, the I.L.P. acting as a bounty upon all European coal, and thus enabling Germany, Belgium, and France to compel us to either pay the tax so as to keep the market, or lose the market and the work and wages involved in supplying them.

This was Mr. Asquith's explanation, and agreed to by every colliery owner and his employees. Such being the case, cannot my readers see, if a shilling tax on British coal going to Europe had to be paid, not by the European consumer, but by the British producer, because of the competition of European coal with our coal in their markets, that a 2s. duty on wheat, 5 per cent. on meat and dairy produce, and 10 per cent. on manufactures, would have to be paid, not by the British consumer, but by the foreign supplier of our market? Or, better still, would they not lose our market in foodstuffs to Canada, India, Australia, and South Africa, and in manufactures to ourselves, because they would meet from ourselves and our Empire? Perhaps Mr. J. M. Robertson will reply.

What is a Free Trader? A man who supports a system of international trading, which penalises British goods in every protected market, gives no protection to any British industry against unfair foreign competition, and supports a system of national taxation which taxes the necessities of the poor five times more than the necessities of the rich.

For instance, here is an example of Free Trade taxation:—The working man spends 2s. on tea, and pays 8d. duty; the rich man spends 2s. on tea, and pays 8d. duty. The poor man spends 2s. on tobacco, and pays 1s. 8d. duty; the rich man spends 2s. on cigars, and pays 1s. 8d. duty. The rich man drinks a gallon of whisky, and pays 1s. 4d. duty; the poor man pays duty on coffee, cacao, currants and raisins; the rich man pays no duty on motor-cars, silk, paintings or statuary. Free Trade is thus seen to be a system of taxation which penalises heavily on the lightest purse and sits lightly on the heaviest purse.

In conclusion, don't neglect to get "One Hundred Points for Free Trade," issued by "The Daily News" at 1d. Mr. Money has such a knack of writing contradictory opinions that it only needs comparison with itself to blunt every point in the hundred.

## BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

A question which is constantly being asked is, what is the difference between the rook and crow. A correspondent now writing from Grimsby informs me that the prevailing idea in that neighbourhood is that the rook is the young crow.

I, too, have often heard this stated, and upon making inquiries in the country district where I am at present staying, find that is the general belief here.

For the benefit of my Grimsby readers and any others that may not know the difference I append a note on the two birds.

The rook is by far the most common bird in the crow tribe, but the bare, scurfy face of the adults (both sexes) will immediately serve to distinguish it from the crow. When fully grown a rook measures about 17 in. in length, the tail being slightly over one-third of this. The bill is thick and powerful, but thin towards the tip. The bare patch referred to above extends round the base of the bill and from the nostrils to the eyes. It was at one time thought that this bareness was due to its digging in the ground for worms, but, owing to the fact that it appears also in specimens which have been kept in captivity and have not been able to dig, this is no longer believed.

In young the face is feathered and the plumage is black. When adult, however, the plumage has iridescent reflections of purple, green and blue, especially about the neck and shoulders. The legs and feet are black.

All the crow tribe are practically omnivorous, but the rook is rather more particular than the other members, feeding more upon ground insects and worms than upon Carrion scraps from rubbish-heaps, etc. Although a useful bird in keeping down injurious insects and field mice, it has to be kept down on account of the destruction wrought among orchards and the grain. Books build in colonies in trees usually close to human habitations. The nests, which are open, are built of twigs lined with

roots and straw, and the same ones are used year after year, the necessary repairs being made at the beginning of the season. From three to five eggs are laid; they are of a sea-green colour mottled with brown.

An adult crow measures about 18 in. from tip of beak to end of tail. The entire plumage is black tinted with violet. It is much duller, heavier-looking, more lumbering in its flight, and is much less active in its movements than the rook. As stated already, the crow has not the bare face of the adult rook, so these two are easily distinguished. With the young, however, it is more difficult, as the faces of both are feathered, but upon close examination it will be noticed that the bill of the crow is stouter. The crow is much more carnivorous than the rook, and is exceedingly cunning and destructive.

In several of the small islands round the coast of New Zealand a peculiar lizard known as the tuatara is found. Fossilised remains of members of this family are, however, found in Scotland, India, and South Africa, but no living specimens. It is curious that so strange a creature should have died out everywhere with the exception of those remote islands. At one time, too, it lived on both the North and South Islands of New Zealand.

When full grown the tuatara is about 18 in. long and stoutly built. The head is quadrangular and covered with small scales; the throat is lax, with a cross fold at nape and the back with a crest of compressed spines, and the body is covered with scales. The tail is triangular, covered with scales, and has a ridge of compressed spines. The legs are short and strong.

The tuatara live in holes in the ground. Their food consists chiefly of beetles, grasshoppers and spiders, but in addition they will take almost any small animal that is alive. They are very peculiar feeders, and when in captivity will often refuse to eat for months, and then suddenly commence to eat every day. They are very fond of water, and will often spend the greater part of the day lying in it. When they so desire they swim freely, but considering how lazy they are in all their movements it is astonishing that they should ever exert themselves so much.

They are oviparous, and the eggs are laid in holes dug to receive them. These are white and soft, possessing a semi-calcareous shell, and measure about an inch in length. About eight or ten are laid in November, but they do not hatch until the following midsummer.

The dying-off of the tuatara reminds us of the many creatures which have previously existed in great numbers in this and other countries, and which, owing chiefly to the increase in the human population, are fast becoming more and more rare. The wombats of Australia furnishes us with a very good example of this. This creature is now becoming, with the exception of a few spots, quite rare, and even those which still exist are but mere dwarfs as compared with those of former years.

There are three species of wombats now existing, and all are confined to Australia and Tasmania. On account of their nocturnal habits, and by their burrowing and feeding upon roots, they have been termed the badgers among marsupials. Their chief characteristics are the short and flattened heads, broad flat backs, and short thick legs. The ears are small and more or less pointed, while the tail nothing but a mere stumpy.

The common wombat from New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia is the largest animal of the three species, measuring, when grown, about 30 in. in length. The colouration is very variable, and specimens may range from yellow to black. They are exceedingly sociable animals, many families living together in one burrow. They move with a peculiar shuffling gait, and, though contrary to what one might suppose, considering their short legs, are able, when need be, to run very fast.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens for the week ending Sept. 13, include:—Mammals: One common macaque, one hybrid Spanish ass, one tiger, two springboks, two aye-aye, two blue duiker, and one vulture phalanger. Birds: One blue-fronted amazon, two greater sulphur-crested cockatoos, two rosella cockatoos, one orange-winged amazon, one African buzzard, one laughing kingfisher, and seven paradise whydah birds. Reptiles: One Moorish gecko, one leopardine snake, and one Horned field's tortoise.

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Sport is being had in nearly all rivers, and given fair weather, anglers will have no reason to complain. The barbel has apparently come out of the Thames, and some nice fish have been caught at Marlow, Datchet, Shepperton, and other stations. A

roach of 2lb. has been caught by Mr. Hitchcock at Abingdon, and some 18 down of these fish fell to the rod of Mr. A. J. Thorburn (piloted by F. Collier) during two days' fishing in the neighbourhood of Staines. Some nice roach have been taken in the upper waters of the Lee, and the Colne at Wraybury and Rickmansworth has also fished well. The Arun at Pulborough and Amberley has yielded plenty of fish, and bream and chub have rewarded anglers in the Huntingdon Ouse. The Midland rivers are in order, and should fish well.

Sea angling is in full swing everywhere, and the tides just now are favourable. The nests, which are open, are built of twigs lined with

evidence at Herne Bay, and heavy catches of codling and flat fish are reported from Folkestone and neighbouring stations. Two cod scaling 7lb. each were taken among other fish by an angler at Ramsgate, where fishing of late has been exceptionally good. Just now everything favours fishing, and good catches should be the order of the day. The Deal and Walmer Angling Association, of which Mr. Geo. Bowhays is hon. secretary, have special pier competitions on Saturday and Sunday next, open to members of any recognised angling club, for which entries close at 6 p.m. on Friday next, Sept. 23. The "Hawley Challenge Cup" and many prizes are to be competed for.

Among coming sea angling festivals that of the Ramsgate and District Angling Association, which takes place Oct. 3, 4, and 5, and whose headquarters are at the Royal Oak Hotel, Ramsgate, and the Albion Hotel, Broadstairs, deservedly holds high rank. There is not only a magnificent shield and many valuable prizes to be competed for, but the social functions connected with the festival are all of an exceptional order. These include a reception by the Mayor, a festival dinner, and prize distribution and concert, all of which are to be held at the Royal Oak Hotel, where club rooms for the use of the ladies and gentlemen attending the festival will be provided. The Borough of Southend Sea Angling Festival (of which reference was made last week) promises to be equally successful, entries for which should be made not later than Wednesday next, Sept. 23. The fishing takes place from pier and boat on Sept. 26, 27, and 28. Unattached anglers may compete for all, but the challenge trophy and cups and the prizes will be distributed by the Mayor at the Palace Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, at the close of the contest.

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## GLANDULAR SWELLINGS

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## IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES  
AND CORONERS.

## Cudlhall.

## ALLEGED SHARE FRAUDS.

An accountant, Geo. Wm. Frost, 39, employed by Everest and Co., "stock and share dealers," of Broad-st. House, and Hly. Edwd. Price, 29, clerk, of Whitfield-st., Tottenham Court-nd., were charged with conspiring together with others to defraud Albert E. Butler and others of their monies and valuable securities.—Det. E. Nichols deposed to apprehending accused in Coke-man-st. When told the charge Frost said, "All right," and Price said, "I am only a paid servant, and did not get my wages last week. I have seen Mr. Butler, and that is all I know." Frost at the Old Jewry said, "I deny the charge of conspiracy, and I deny my own liability in respect of any of these matters. All outstanding matters are being settled. This morning we delivered shares to a Mr. Mears on behalf of his wife, and I am astonished at the proceedings

being taken, as all matters outstanding are in process of settlement." Witness subsequently searched the offices of A. Everest and Co. and R. Manners and Co. at Broad-st. House, finding numerous important documents, of which he took possession. He also went to Coleman-st., the offices of the Talbot Commercial Co., where he found papers relating to A. Everest and Co., the Talbot Co., and A. Arnold and Co., Wool Exchange.—Cross-examined: There was a company at Well-st. W. called Everest and Co., and he believed there was a Mr. Everest, and that business was carried on.—Remanded, legal aid being certified for.

## Bow-street.

## A LONG ACRE INCIDENT.

Before Bertram Imeson, described as a brush maker, with no fixed abode, was committed for trial, charged with attempting to steal, it was stated that P.C. Drives saw prisoner, late at night, drop a square weight into the letter-box of Kempter's carriage factory in Long Acre. The weight was covered with a sticky substance, and a piece of string was attached. Accused was industriously working the string up and down, in the hope of securing a letter, when he was seized by the constable, who had been watching his movements. On finding himself in custody prisoner said, "It's all right. I'm out of work, and am doing this to get a living."

## A SUDDEN TEMPTATION.

A sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed on Alfred Evans, of Plateto, Brixton, who was charged with theft.—It was stated that prisoner had been employed by Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, at their Strand establishment for about 11 years. Some time ago his health broke down, and after he had been allowed to take a long holiday, he was asked to resign, it being evident that he was unfit to perform his duties. On Friday evening he went to Messrs. Smith's Strand establishment, and Wm. Ben-Holmes, one of his old colleagues, saw him take five letters from a desk, and place them in his coat pocket. Holmes followed prisoner out, and after speaking to him took the letters from the pocket in which they had been placed. One of them contained a money order for 27 10s., and another a cheque for 21 10s. Prisoner said he went to the old place to see, if he could be reinstated, and while he was waiting there he yielded to a sudden temptation and took the letters.

## MIDDLESEX SESSIONS.

## REASON FOR HIGH RATES.

One cause of the high poor rate may be readily understood with such persons as Edwd. Todd, 37, scafolder, who was charged with being an incorrigible rogue and neglecting to maintain his three children, whereby they became chargeable to the Willesden parish. It was stated that prisoner had put the ratepayers to a cost of £120. Efforts had been made to give him a fresh start; he had been found a situation at £1 a week, but even then he neglected to support his wife and children, and soon tired of the work found him. He had been twice previously convicted for neglecting his family.—Sir R. Little said the court had the power to order such scoundrels as prisoner to be flogged, and if he came there again the power would no doubt be exercised. This time he would be sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

## THIRTY-TWO YEARS IN PRISON.

A confirmed horse-stealer is Jno. Smith, 79, a labourer, who was indicted for stealing a bay gelding.—P.C. Springer noticed Smith in a field of Whitechapel-lane, Edgware-nd., and being suspicious, he watched prisoner, who was then saw catch a mare. As a foal followed prisoner, let it go and caught another, bridled it, and started to lead it away. Witness caught hold of his collar and said he should charge him with stealing the horse.

## THE FAIREST COP.

Thereupon prisoner tried to throw him down, but witness threw prisoner and got on the top of him. Prisoner then said, "I'll come quiet. It's a fair cop." On the way to the station prisoner said, "It's the fairest cop I've had." Prisoner had two suits of clothes on and a cap in his pocket.—Convictions for horse-stealing were proved, showing sentences of 12 months, 10 years, 12 years, 9 months, 3 months, 31 years, 3 years, and 2 years.—Mr. Montague Sharpe said he would send prisoner to penal servitude for five years, and three years' police supervision, to keep him out of mischief.

## A SCHOOLMASTER ACQUITTED.

In the case of Sidney Hooper, schoolmaster, of Spalding-road, Bedford, who appeared on bail to answer an indictment of assaulting Jesus Iesuus Howe, aged 17, a

mother's help, the grand jury threw out the bill, and accused was discharged.

## THREE YEARS FOR APPLE STEALING.

Joseph Freeman, 22, pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of growing apples, the property of Thos. Hamp.—It was stated that prisoner had been several times previously convicted and that he was an associate of thieves and a man who lounged about public-houses.—He was ordered three years' penal servitude and two years' police supervision.

## Thames.

## ROBBED THE BARMAN.

A man thief was described when Chas. Mallard, 23, a window-cleaner, of Cross-nd., Holborn, was charged with stealing from a jacket pocket in a bedroom at the Kingsbridge Arms, Westferry-nd., Millwall, the sum of £2s. 6d., the money of Harold Kite.—Prosecutor, who is a barman, said in consequence of his having missed money from his pocket during the last few weeks, he gave information to the police. On Friday afternoon he missed 2s. 6d. from his jacket pocket, and at once told Det. Campkin, who was in the house. When charged by the officer with the theft prisoner said, "Quite right; I have had about 1s. altogether.—Told days in the second division.

## EXPENSIVE OBSTRUCTION.

Your conduct was disgraceful," said the magistrate to Robt. Bevan, a carman, who was summoned for wilfully obstructing a tramcar.—Hly. Edwd. Brace, who was driving a L.C.C. car from Bloomsbury to Poplar, said that on the afternoon of Aug. 31 he saw defendant in Commercial-road, driving a van on the metals. In spite of repeatedly sounding his gong defendant, who had a perfectly clear road, refused to pull aside, and called him several names. At the George Tavern witness got off his car and seized defendant's horse until the arrival of a constable.—Fined 40s. and 2s. costs.

## Westminster.

## TRYING TO BE IMPRISONED.

A disappointed man is Geo. Lock, 20, on being charged with stealing two odd boots from outside the shop of Messrs. Pullin, pawnbrokers, of Rochester-nd., Westminster, the case dismissed.—Prisoner picked up the boots and then walked across the road to the policeman on duty at the door of the police court and asked to be taken into custody. He gave the information that on the previous day he had been charged at St. Albans, Herts, with a similar offence, but was discharged and sent by the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society to the Church Army Home. He was recognised as a man who had been there before and proved discharged, and had absconded. The authorities consequently refused to have anything more to do with him.—Prisoner now said he had been tramping the country since February. He was willing to work, but could not find it, and had a right to live.—Mr. Hopkins: This does not help you to live, except that the streets.—Mr. Hopkins: Oh I see. Here you are, a man of 34 and apparently helpless. I cannot grant you your wish. You shall go now.

## Marylebone.

## MONGARIANS IN LONDON.

A Hungarian lady applied to Mr. Ploiden for advice. She had come to England, she said, for two months, and the other day she came to London and put up at a Kensington boarding house. The first night was so horrid that we could not sleep there, but the landlady has compensated us to pay for that one night the same as if we had stayed for four."—Mr. Ploiden: Are you going to make a long stay? We return to Hungary at the end of four days.—Mr. Ploiden: I congratulate you. I think I should forget the trouble of the Kensington boarding house, if I were you; because I don't think you will ever get the money back again. Anyhow, you would have to go to another court. I should wipe the dust off your feet of this ungrateful country and go back to Hungary.—The lady agreed that that was the best course.

## SKETCH ARTIST AND SERVANT

A music-hall sketch artist was passed upon. Mrs. Fane Murray, 32, decorative artist, living at Thorold-nd., Ilford, who was charged with stealing a silver watch, three pairs of trousers, two waistcoats, and other articles, of the total value of £7. Mrs. Bishop said she was a widow, and had employed accused as a general servant. Among the articles she had missed were a silver watch a hundred years old, a petticoat, a 10 guinea costume, and some trousers.—Mr. Ploiden: Trouser! Do they belong to you?—Mrs. Bishop: No; although I am in the profession, I have not come to that yet. They belong to my intended husband.—Mr. Ploiden (surprised): Your intended husband!—It appeared that when spoken to about the missing articles, accused said they must have been lost in the moving, but she afterwards wrote confessing that she had taken them. She was arrested by Det.-sgt. Stephens at an address in Carnaby-nd., Regent's Park, and told the officer she had pawned the watch, and left some of the articles at the Edgware-nd. Station clock-room. A bag belonging to Mrs. Bishop was found under the bed, and she said she had merely borrowed that to take her things away.—Remanded.

The house was ransacked from top to bottom while Mr. Lyon was on holiday, and the rooms were left in a state of utter disorder. Immediately it was discovered by the police. Mr. Lyon was summoned back by telegram, and on arriving he missed a quantity of jewellery, plate, and some clothing, an Indian shawl, and some valuable Maltese lace. A few days later Det.-sgt. Woollard was in Waterloo-nd. at night, when he noticed prisoner walking in the direction of Waterloo Station, carrying a Japanese basket. Being suspicious he questioned him as to the contents of the bag. Rayner replied that it only contained a change of clothing, and explained that he was making his way to the station to go for his holidays. On opening the bag, however, the officer discovered some Maltese lace and other articles, which were subsequently identified as part of the property stolen from Mr. Lyon's house. In the bag, too, was a valuable Dresden china clock, and as

for manslaughter. He delighted in committing offences, in inciting his fellows to mutiny, and in bringing false charges against officials. These proceedings involved heavy cost to the ratepayers, and the Board of Guardians were much concerned how best to reduce the burden. They had been able assisted in "wedding out" a good many able-bodied and lazy inmates by the master, Mr. S. Butcher, who had but a small staff to control a large number of men, some like Murphy, belonging to a dangerous class. The guardian asked the Court to deal with prisoner in such a way that he might be adequately punished for a savage and murderous assault. Committed for trial as an incorrigible rogue and vagabond.

## Lambeth.

## LOSS OF MEMORY.

Loss of memory was pleaded by Harry Hulls, 44, a carman, when charged with stealing two shirts, eight collars, and a sheet, value £1 10s., the property of John Payne.—Prosecutor is a laundry proprietor, of Peckham-nd., and prisoner was in his service as a carman, but suddenly left his employment on Tuesday. The next day prisoner collected a parcel of laundry from a customer, but failed to convey them to his employer's premises. When arrested on Friday by Det. Ottaway and told the charge prisoner replied, "I have no recollection of it now; I may have taken them."

## DRINK TO EXCUSE.

Addressing the magistrate, prisoner said his mind was an absolute blank as to what he did on Wednesday. He met with an accident on Tuesday night through taking too much to drink. Answering the Clerk, Det. Ottaway said he believed prisoner had been drunk for the last three or four days.—Mr. Chapman: There are such things as loss of memory during which people do curious things, but if the loss of memory is due to drink there is no excuse for it.—Remanded.

## Stratford.

## GIVING THE SNOW AWAY.

The volatility of a female defendant led to the acquittal of another defendant when Jno. Gibbs and Mary Gibbs, of Arkley-nd., Walthamstow, were summoned for using abusive language.—The former pleaded guilty and commenced to explain the matter when his companion, speaking in a low voice, exclaimed, "Look here, you lot, leave him alone. What's he got to do with it? I am the end of all the trouble." (To the constable): "You wicked old bounder. Do you think he'll get on, your worship? Speak the truth, now?"—Chairman: Let me get a word in somewhere. Do you live with Gibbs? Yes, and we have been happy and comfortable for five years.—Chairman: I am sure he has the

## SYMPATHY OF THE COURT.

Were you using abusive language?—Mrs. Gibbs: Yes; but it is very hard if a man and wife can't have a few words without a blooming policeman interfering.—Chairman: We were rather inclined to convict Gibbs and let you go, but you have given the skin was "fairly broken." A constable was called and he took prisoner into custody.—Prisoner was sent to the Romford Home for a week, so that the father might then attend the court.

## Tottenham.

## HOUSE-WRECKING.

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## SPITALFIELDS DRINK STORY.

An inquiry was held at Stepney on Elizabeth Nicholls, a widow, aged about 73, and a hawker, who died in a common lodging-house in Duvall-st., Spitalfields.—Annie Hickey, widow, of the same address, said she had known the deceased about the neighbourhood for 13 years. She was "a very hard drinker." Witness last saw her alive on Sept. 18.—Walter Leonard, builder, of Ball's Pond-nd., deposed that he saw prisoner driving a donkey attached to a barrow, and he beat the animal with a thick knotted stick. Witness cautioned him about it. Accused then put the stick in the cart and commenced kicking the animal about the flanks. A number of people witnessed this. A constable was called and he took prisoner into custody.—Prisoner was sent to the Romford Home for a week, so that the father might then attend the court.

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## Kingsland.

## FINGER-PRINT EVIDENCE.

The floor of the court was covered with property, including a gun and bundles of clothing which had been stolen from the Swallows and another bungalow on Tumbling Bay Island, Walton-on-Thames, belonging to Mr. J. Alexander and Mr. C. E. Bullock, of Twickenham, the occupants of the bungalow.—Six unskirted-looking ladies—Wm. Smith, 19; Wm. Wyeth, 15; Noah Smith, 15; Chas. Cobbett, 15; Geo. Clarke, 16, all of Walton, and Harry Cooke, 17, of Ashford—all described as labourers were charged on remand for stealing the property, together valued at £20.—All the accused pleaded guilty.—The evidence showed that deceased was very much the worse for drink when she went to bed, and the next morning was found dead by the bed-maker.—Dr. D. Hume deposed that all deceased's organs were badly diseased through drink. The cause of death was syncope, accelerated by chronic alcoholism. Witness had heard through the relieving officer that deceased had been in the Strand and other unions, and an inmate of inebriates home once for three years.

Coroner: She seems to have spent the best part of her life in homes and workhouses. It is a most terrible story.—Verdict: Death from natural causes, accelerated by drink.

## ZULU WARRIOR'S DEATH.

At Marylebone an inquest was held on George Martin West, 52, warehouseman, lately living at Stanley-terrace, Holloway, who committed suicide by hanging himself at a warehouse at Dorset Mews, Baker-nd.—The evidence showed that deceased, who was in the employ of Messrs. Eaves and Sons, piano-forte manufacturers, of Baker-nd., W. M. Baker, was in the Army and whilst engaged in the Zulu War in 1879 suffered from sunstroke. Since then at times he had been subject to fits. Of late he had suffered much, had been very strange in his manner, and had threatened his life. On Thursday he was much worried about having been summoned to pay the poor rate. He had not the money to pay the poor rate, and his wife went on Friday to the court and obtained a fortnight's grace in which to pay the money. Deceased on Friday morning left his home for his work, and then he was rather strange, and complained that the pains in his head were more than he could bear. Deceased was afterwards discovered in the warehouse of Messrs. Eaves and Sons, hanging by a rope which he had attached to the rafters. On a bench were found two letters, one addressed to his fellow employee, in which he wrote:

I have no doubt that you will be surprised to find what I have done, but I can't stand this worry any longer.

In a letter to his wife he wrote:

I hope you will forgive me for the rash act that I am about to do. My head is driving me mad. I have kept things quiet, but I must go at last.

Verdict: Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

## Brentford.

## BABY IN A CEMETERY.

There was a happy ending to a pathetic case in which Jessie Hurrell, 21, a neatly-dressed servant, was charged with abandoning her infant in a manner likely to endanger its health.—The case was referred to the magistrate as one to appeal to the sympathies of every humane person and was reported last week. The child was found in a secluded portion of the cemetery at Twickenham.—The court missionary now reported that he had made inquiries into the case and found the father of the child was a married man. He had only given the girl a small amount—in all a few shillings.

## FOUR OFFERS OF MARRIAGE.

Since the publication of the story, the missionary said, he had received a great deal of correspondence, which included: Seven offers to adopt the child; four offers of marriage; three offers to take the child for a small sum; and two offers to provide

the mother with a situation. With one of the offers of marriage the writer enclosed his photograph. The girl, added Mr. Wood, was extremely sorry for what she had done, and by way of atonement was willing to enter a home for two years. Mr. Fraser said, on behalf of the Bench, he should like to thank the public for their sympathy and generosity. "The father," added Mr. Fraser, scornfully, "is not before me judicially, but I should like to say he ought to have been in court to-day to stand by this poor girl's side." A chorus of adoption's remark.—The baby has been adopted by well-to-do lady.

## INQUESTS.

## TRAGEDY IN FRONT OF A MIRROR.

Owing to bad business and disappointment over an invention Edwin Hill, 50, builder's smith and ironmonger, of 246, Dalston-lane, Hackney, committed suicide.—At the inquest the widow stated that on Thursday morning deceased had been taken to a hospital and detained. He was suffering from religious mania.—Clerk: Very good; if that is the case this matter will drop.

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## GOADED TO SUICIDE.

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## Captain Luard's Evidence.

Capt. Luard, a tall soldierly man, with a fair moustache, was next called. He was evidently controlling his feelings with difficulty. He was handed a letter by the coroner with the remark that it might contain something concerning the matter under consideration. The captain, after reading the letter, said: "It is none; there is nothing in it concerning this case." The Coroner, having read the letter, also said it did not contain anything at all bearing on the inquiry. It spoke simply of domestic matters concerning the General and his son, and they were not pertinent to the inquiry. —A *Juror*: Hear, hear.—The Coroner, in summing up, referring to the death of Mrs. Luard, said: "The recent horrible tragedy is quite fresh in your minds. The inquest with regard to that matter is going on now, but I thought it was my duty to make some kind of reference to the many reports

## Base Insinuations.

in the form of anonymous letters which have been sent to Gen. Luard, suggesting almost that he is responsible for the death of his wife. These letters have been innumerable. They have been received by the police as well as by myself in any number, but I need hardly tell you I have simply put them in the waste paper basket. The man, it appears, is out of work, and he and his wife had decided to commit suicide. They drank the acid in Hyde Park. The condition of both is serious.

## A SEVENOAKS SEQUEL.

## MAN JUMPS IN FRONT OF A TRAIN AT PLUMSTEAD.

Yesterday afternoon a sensation was caused at the S.E. Railway station at Plumstead, just as it was crowded with people going to the Arsenal and Chelsea. However, football match. A man, who just previously was said to have been reading in a paper an account of Gen. Luard's death, jumped in front of an up train, miraculously escaping death. His left arm, however, was completely severed, and he was afterwards conveyed to the General sent himself.

## Coroner and His Questions.

With regard to the questions he asked Gen. Luard at the inquest, and to which he had taken exception, the coroner said: "I have no reason to defend my conduct in any way. I am not responsible to anyone in that particular matter; but, having regard to the rumours that were in circulation after the first sitting of the inquest, the suggestions that the General knew something about this unfortunate affair, I deemed it my duty to call evidence at the resuscitated inquiry which showed, I think, from the mouths of half-a-dozen witnesses, that he had accounted for all his movements on the afternoon of the unfortunate day, and that, at any rate, he could not have been present on the occasion. That was," the coroner continued, the reason for which he asked the questions, and he thought it was only due to the General and to the public that he should be absolutely free from the Coroner's Court, as there was no other tribunal before which he could give evidence. He (the coroner) need hardly say that the General had shown that he could not have been present and have committed this terrible act.

## Regent's Park Find.

Some interest was occasioned by the find of a boy on the shore of the lake in Regent's Park. He discovered a coat in a pocket of which was a letter which stated that the owner purposed committing suicide because "the light of man has preyed on my mind. I fired the shots while the devil was in me." The letter was signed "Jack Storm." The police, ever ready to follow up the slightest clue, had the lake dragged, but no body was discovered, nor anything further having any bearing on the tragedy. *Where is Jack Storm?*

## STILL AT LARGE.

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## The Jury's Sympathy.

—After few seconds' consideration the jury returned a verdict that defendant committed suicide in a state of temporary insanity. The foreman, on behalf of the jury and those who had lived in the search for a number of years, asked the coroner to convey to Capt. Luard and the friends of the General their deep sympathy in their great sorrow, and to inform Col. Ward, M.P., that the jury were very much obliged to him for the straightforward statement he had made, and the confidence he had given to so many falsehoods which had been made. They also expressed their sympathy with Col. Ward in what most have been to him a source of very real sorrow.—The coroner said he had been with the foreman and the jury in the expression of their sympathy with Capt. Luard, who had arrived in this country to be informed that both his father and mother had gone, and he would be pleased to convey their messages.

## BAD HOMECOMING.

HOW CAPT. LUARD RECEIVED THE TRAGIC NEWS.

The sympathetic thoughts of thousands turned early yesterday towards the South African liner *Norman*, on which Capt. C. E. Luard, the only surviving son of Gen. and Mrs. Luard, was journeying to Southampton. Recalled to England by the murderer of his mother, the young officer knew nothing of the second tragedy, which was to render his homecoming a poignant and pathetic, until after the vessel was berthed. The first person to board the ship was a doctor, who took to Capt. Luard a letter from the steamship company briefly announcing his father's death, but not going into the circumstances. Immediately the gangways were run out. Col. Ward, M.P., who had come down to await the arrival of the vessel, went aboard.

## Breaking the News.

He was taken to the cabin of Capt. Ward at once, and there broke the news of the manner in which his father met his death. Some time afterwards, when the two men emerged from the cabin, it was noticed that Capt. Luard was very pale and looked like one who had been suddenly overwhelmed with terrible grief. He walked with bowed head down the gangway, and passed to the platform where the mail train was waiting. As it steamed out both Capt. Luard and his companion were sitting silent and sad, the former with his face partly covered by his hands.

## Cruel Innuendoes.

Writing to an old friend at Bexhill last week, Gen. Luard referred to the tragedy of his wife's death, and said, "No doubt you have read in the papers that I have received disgusting letters. It is really terrible to think some persons should be so

## A MASONIC RECORD.

Yesterday the funeral took place at Northwich, with Masonic honours, of Mr. John Wilding, aged 77, who for over 40 years has been the Tyler of the Sincerity Lodge, Northwich. The family have probably established a unique record, for Mr. Wilding's father was Tyler of the same lodge for 30 years, and deceased's son has been Assistant Tyler for 20 years, so that three generations have been in his family.

## A DEPUTY FIRED AT.

Rome, Saturday.—A bootmaker, named Ohino, at Nuoro, Sardinia, fired two revolver shots at Signor Pinna, Deputy, and wounded him seriously. The assailant committed suicide.—*Beuter*.

## SMART FIREMEN.

## INTERESTING CONTEST AT THE GUILDHALL.

The fourth annual competition for the Corporation of London Private Fire Brigades' Challenge Shield was held yesterday at the Guildhall in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and a large number of spectators. Teams representing 13 brigades competed, and the competition was divided into two parts. The first took place outside the Guildhall. In this one officer and four men competed in the hydrant drill. The second contest, held in the Guildhall, was a "surprise drill" for one officer and six men. At the conclusion of the contest it was announced that the challenge shield had been won by the brigade of the Robertson Electrical Lamps, Brook Green. The brigade of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., Farringdon Rd., was second, and that of Messrs. R. H. and S. Rogers, of the Cliftonville Works, Rotherhithe, third. The challenge shield and medals were presented by the Lord Mayor, who referred to the useful work which was being done by the private fire brigades in preventing fires.

## IN HYDE PARK.

## WORKLESS MAN AND WIFE TAKE POISON.

Yesterday afternoon, Bertie Or-gant, aged 40, and his wife, Lucy Or-gant, aged 30, of Stephen's-ett, Tottenham Court-rd., were admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, suffering from caustic acid poison-ing. The man, it appears, is out of work, and he and his wife had decided to commit suicide. They drank the acid in Hyde Park. The condition of both is serious.

## SWIMMING THE CHANNEL.

## WOLFFE REPORTED NEAR THE FRENCH COAST.

The late report of Wolfe, who is making his final attempt to swim the Channel this year, is that he is swimming well and strong, and the news brought by the incoming Calais mail packet is that when they saw his yacht he was then reckoned to be about 8 miles off Calais Pier. As the tide is running Wolfe is now going down Chauvel on the ebb tide, being taken towards Cape Grisnes. If the weather has anything to do with the success of the swim the swimmer ought to accomplish his task, as it would be impossible to have better weather conditions. Before starting Wolfe said he hoped to do the swim in 15 hours. At 5.31 last evening

he was reported to be only four-and-a-half miles from the French coast.

At 11.30 a telegram from Dover said no further news had been received of Wolfe. He was believed to still be swimming.

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—After few seconds' consideration the jury returned a verdict that defendant committed suicide in a state of temporary insanity. The foreman, on behalf of the jury and those who had lived in the search for a number of years, asked the coroner to convey to Capt. Luard and the friends of the General their deep sympathy in their great sorrow, and to inform Col. Ward, M.P., that the jury were very much obliged to him for the straightforward statement he had made, and the confidence he had given to so many falsehoods which had been made. They also expressed their sympathy with Col. Ward in what most have been to him a source of very real sorrow.—The coroner said he had been with the foreman and the jury in the expression of their sympathy with Capt. Luard, who had arrived in this country to be informed that both his father and mother had gone, and he would be pleased to convey their messages.

Bad Homecoming.

HOW CAPT. LUARD RECEIVED THE TRAGIC NEWS.

The sympathetic thoughts of thousands turned early yesterday towards the South African liner *Norman*, on which Capt. C. E. Luard, the only surviving son of Gen. and Mrs. Luard, was journeying to Southampton. Recalled to England by the murderer of his mother, the young officer knew nothing of the second tragedy, which was to render his homecoming a poignant and pathetic, until after the vessel was berthed. The first person to board the ship was a doctor, who took to Capt. Luard a letter from the steamship company briefly announcing his father's death, but not going into the circumstances. Immediately the gangways were run out. Col. Ward, M.P., who had come down to await the arrival of the vessel, went aboard.

Breaking the News.

He was taken to the cabin of Capt. Ward at once, and there broke the news of the manner in which his father met his death. Some time afterwards, when the two men emerged from the cabin, it was noticed that Capt. Luard was very pale and looked like one who had been suddenly overwhelmed with terrible grief. He walked with bowed head down the gangway, and passed to the platform where the mail train was waiting. As it steamed out both Capt. Luard and his companion were sitting silent and sad, the former with his hands

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL DOINGS OF LONDON TERRITORIES.

Mr. J. Emerson, a farmer in West Durrington, has attended the St. Albans Agricultural Show 63 times during its 75 years existence.

Several thousand people attended a demonstration of Suffragettes at the Town Moor, Newcastle. Mrs. Pankhurst was the chief speaker.

The body of an unknown man, of the labouring class, was found dead by the roadside at Charnock, near Leyland.

At Crewe, Wm. E. Naylor, a native, was fined £2 and costs, or a month's imprisonment.

As a nephew of Mrs. Luard, and as one who, in common with all who knew them, held both her and her devoted husband in deep affection and respect, may I be permitted to point out the responsibility of the writers of the anonymous letters which we know broke his already overburdened heart.

That there could be found people capable of making (on no grounds whatever) and in direct opposition to the evidence at the inquest) the hideous suggestion contained in these letters, seems incredible to all who knew anything either of the late General or of his wife, who was all in all to him.

That the writers of these letters were responsible in the fullest sense of the word, is open to doubt, but that they murdered Gen. Luard, as surely as the unknown man murdered his wife, is not.

To them the spectacle of an aged gentleman, suffering under almost unimaginable grief, was an incentive, not to the utmost pity and solicitude, but to the last for sheer stupid cruelty. It staggers one to contemplate that a distinguished soldier and father of soldiers whose life has been spent in his country's service, should, when heavily stricken by sorrow, be driven to his death by anonymous slanderers.

At Northwich, Elizabeth Barker, of Manchester, was sentenced to 16 days' hard labour for begging from a magistrate. Placing herself in front of him, she demanded money.

By an overwhelming majority the ratemakers of Settle have rejected the offer of Mr. A. Carnegie to contribute £1,000 for the purpose of erecting a public free library for the town.

There was a remarkable sight at Scarborough Harbour, which was so crowded with the Scotch herring fishing fleet as to form a platform from pier to pier.

The Suffragettes held a demonstration on Bristol Down, which attracted many thousands of people. The proceedings were peaceful, but not enthusiastic.

The Irish Protestant national teachers at Belfast decided to petition the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the entire system of primary education on Ireland.

Thirty speakers, including Sir John Gorst and seven M.P.s, 16 bands, and 20,000 people, participated in a demonstration in support of the Licensing Bill at Farringdon Park, Preston.

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An Army pensioner named Smith, from Deptford, who was employed on the new railway at Broadwater Colliery, was killed by a motor charabanc near Dosey. It is stated that the steering gear broke and the car ran on to the footpath.

At Buxton, Ralph Morton, of Hall-st., Stockport, a member of the Watch Committee of that town, was fined £10 and costs for driving a motor-car at a dangerous speed in Terrier-rd., on Sep. 7. The police put his pace at 30 miles an hour.

Dr. Hugh Marshall, lecturer on chemistry at the Edinburgh University, was appointed to the chair of chemistry at the University College, Dundee. Mr. P. T. Herring was appointed to the new Chancery chair of physiology at the United College, St. Andrews.

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## THE TURF.

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(W. LOTHINGA).

"Larry Lynx" cannot correspond with his readers, nor can he upon any consideration undertake the betting commissions.

[Notes on the Week's Racing, with Judgments and Analysis of important pending Races, appear in full, together with Selections for each day, in our Friday and Saturday Editions. The whole in and outside the broadest possible space in our Sunday issue, which mainly deals with Saturday's Racing and selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a news agent, or at the Railway Books' office.]

[Donkey racing on the "sands" is not (after emphatically tipping a loser) I am often told is all I know about by correspondents who have lost a dollar, or, of course, write anonymously. Until now that is truly all the runs have seen for a week, but what a ridiculous afternoon and tipping racing programme it was to come back to the game with! Too many runners, may be, for everyone to properly grasp everything, but a go about everything and thrilling finishes. The "Sands" Wootton is a good one for 20 boys, as a specimen for which he has since then improved every day, and it is the "thing" this season for excelling platters to win the nurseries. The favourite was slowly walked to post long in advance. At Pontefract WINKBOURNE may run in lieu of earlier in the week, and he is rather better in the Nursery herd than at Birmingham; while the next day the "Woolly" is useful just now, but the world sooner than CHESTNUT—what always runs well here or B.M. The Frogmore Weller may fall to PETERSON or MAROON or MAROON, only from an enormous one can we see him the "Woolly" or MAROON both have chances for the Iver Nursery.

At Pontefract WINKBOURNE may run.

## SPORT JOTTINGS.

The New Zealand racing season opened this month.

Whatever Wootton rides in nurseries is favourite. Absurd!

Mr. C. R. Robinson is a good, as well as a particularly efficient, judge.

With nearly all trainers their wives are their right-hand and clerks combined.

The St. Leger 80 or 90 years ago used to be run on a Monday.

I think Higgs is simply certain to lead the head the jockeys' list.

What does one in a race and what should have won it are two very different things.

At times the most unimportant person can give one just the important information.

Lord Dunsany never lays odds—not even 10 to 10—on one of his father's very greatest "certs."

An owner must either breed the horses himself or give very long prices for them if he expects to have the best.

There is nothing luckier for the stable than for a jockey to win a horse that was not lucky to do so.

Of what use to backers is the training report appendix? "Our horses will leave" in the morning if wanted?

How very frequently the market upon a race itself suggests that "something will happen to the favourite. And it invariably does.

PRINCE EDWARD HANDICAP.

Mr. Barclay Walker's Liangwu, 3-1, Mr. Hall Walker's Elm Twig, 3-6.

Capt. Kincaid Smith's Succour, 5-8.

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## YESTERDAY'S SPORTS.

## CHELSEA WIN AGAIN.

## FOOTBALL.

## THE LEAGUE—DIV. I.

(Special to "The People.")

## Chelsea 3, Sheffield 1.

Having broken their opening run of 10 games by a brilliant victory over a week ago, Chelsea visited Bramall Lane in the hope of beating Sheffield, who, like themselves, had lost three of their first four matches.

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## Bristol 0, Woolwich A. 1.

At Bristol, in oppressively hot weather, the game reached 16,000. City gave first at inside-right to Hardy, from Southgate, and Spear was preferred to Mar-tingale, whilst in the Arsenal ranks Haukin and Branton took the places of Theo- and Dutton. The latter was on the injured list. City won the toss, but it did not give them any great advantage, at the start there was no wind and a little sun. Without any artificial advantages, the City went off in a wonderful style, and after half an hour had scored. After change of ends the visitors had clapped when the home side opened the scoring. Orr obtaining pos-ition and shooting through from a range of 12 yards. Liverpool continued to press, and Parkinson added a second goal for them. Liverpool were the Brad-ford City defence going all to pieces. Two more goals were put on, Hewitt of Middlesbrough could not draw level. Liverpool thus won by 4 goals to 2.

## Liverpool 4, Bradford City 0.

Favoured by fine weather the meeting of these teams at Anfield Road, Liverpool, drew together an audience of 30,000 people. Liverpool had Ross and Brad-ley for West and Parry, while on the Bradford side Gould and Conrie, recently transferred from Glossop, appeared. From the very outset the play was fast and exciting. In turn each side attacked, but the visitors' proved to be the better. Bradford's onces splendidly from Hewitt, while at the other end Hulme cleared a corner kick very neatly. Towards the interval Liverpool did practically

## ALL THE ATTACKING.

but pressed again saved in wonderful style, and at half-time neither side had scored. After change of ends the visitors had a chance when the home side had a turn and a clever pass out to the right. His side came again, and with only four minutes old they led, Hulme taking a nice pass from Hilton and glancing the ball all along the line into the far corner of the net, just past McDonald's touch. The City then took the attack for a spell after which the visitors' hung on to them, losing the ball twice, but the Brad-ford City defence going all to pieces. Two more goals were put on, Hewitt of Middlesbrough could not draw level. Liverpool thus gained a decisive victory by 4 goals to 0.

## Aston Villa 2, Sunderland 0.

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NOT MUCH IN IT between the teams but Aston Villa led by 1 goal to 0 at half-time. Play ruled very fast on resuming the Villa putting in several promising attacks. Tranter was hurt and had to retire, but soon reappeared. Roots brought off some capital saves, but 10 minutes from the half-time a free kick was given against Tait, and Roots secured a second point for the home side. The closing stages were in favour of the Villa, who gained a well-deserved victory by 2 goals to 0.

## Sheffield W. 2, Notts F. 1.

The meeting of these old opponents at Nottingham attracted a crowd of 18,000 spectators, and the conditions were ex-ceptional, the weather being delightfully fine. The Forest played the same side as last week, while in the Wednesday side Burton took the place of Leyton, who is

injured. At the start the Forest pressed, Morris scoring for them within six minutes, but soon afterwards Chapman equalised. West

## MISSED SCORING.

from a penalty for the Forest, and half-time arrived with the score standing at 1 goal each. The Forest began the second half well, their forwards showing some very smart combination. Once Morris only just missed, but for the most part the Wednesday defence was excellent. Hobson, Bremner and Lyall all being prominent. Spunner had a fine opening, but shot over, and then the Wednesday had most of the play. Armstrong and Wilson stood out conspicuously, and at last the latter scored. Only eight minutes remained, and the Wednesday held their lead to the end, winning by 2 goals to 1.

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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

## PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,330 births and 1,221 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 152, and the deaths 134 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death rate from all causes, which had been 14.2, 14.4, and 13.5 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, was 13.3 last week.

The 1,221 deaths included 7 from measles, 6 from scarlet fever, 12 from diphtheria, 13 from whooping-cough, 8 from enteric fever, and 173 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 46 deaths. Of these five were cases of suicide and one of homicide, while the remaining 40 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,707 births and 1,722 deaths were registered. Allowance for increase of population, these numbers are 176 and 332 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 26 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 14.2 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which was estimated at 16,234,352 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 15.8, 15.6, and 14.6.

Mr. Francis, of Cookham, West Hants, Sussex, writes stating that he has cut a vegetable marrow weighing 30lb. and measuring 32in. in circumference.

**ROBBING A LIFEBOATMAN.**  
At Thorpe, Essex, a casual visitor to Walton-on-Naze was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for stealing the overcoat of a lifeboatman who had just gone out to the aid of a ship in distress.

**DOG-CATCHERS' DANGERS.**  
A former dog-catcher of the Metropolitan Police while carrying out his duties in London received no fewer than 13 bites. The last bite was by a fox terrier, and was so severe that he was sent for treatment to the Pasteur Institute at Paris.

**WELCOME NEWS FOR SUNDERLAND.**  
Shipbuilding prospects are brightening at Sunderland. Two or three firms have secured orders for new steamers. To a place so industrially hard hit as Sunderland is at present this good news has been exceedingly welcome.

Mr. F. R. Lepper, senior director of the Ulster Bank, has just died.

Whippingham, Isle of Wight, has the only female stationmaster on the English railways.

The death is announced at Bombay of Prince Fatch Singh Rao, son and heir of the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda.

Mr. C. Fenton, assistant superintendent in the Central Telegraph office, has been appointed Postmaster of Jersey.

A consignment of Minorca and Andalusian toads has been purchased from Sawbridgeworth by the Japanese Government.

An appeal for the laying of wood paving in front of Old St. Pancras Church has been made to the St. Pancras Borough Council by the vicar.

The big organ from the old National Scottish Church in Crown-court, Covent Garden, is being placed in the Brownhill-nd. Baptist Church, Hither Green, S.E.

Failing to stop at the pier at Bransby, in the Shetlands, the a.s. Wans Fell crashed right through the structure and grounded, and her cargo of salt was ruined by water.

Canon Gilligan, Roman Catholic priest at Carrick-on-Shannon, stated last Sunday that boycotting was damned. "Have nothing to do with it," he said. "Don't touch it with a pole that would reach New York."

**POPLAR DISTRESS.**

There are indications that the coming winter will be a severe one in Poplar, and, in accordance with the instructions of the borough council, the works committee have passed work amounting to £7,000, with the object of relieving the distress.

**DINIZULU'S JUDGES.**

The Commissioners appointed to try Dinizulu are Sir W. J. Smith, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Transvaal, Mr. H. G. Bechhofer, Judge of the Native High Court of Natal, and Mr. Henrique Shepstone, C.M.G., son of the late Sir Theophilus Shepstone.

**SNAKE IN THE GRASS.**

A lad named Fred Hayter was working in a field near Sheldon, Devon, when he came across a large snake, measuring 5ft. long and 3in. in diameter. The lad said that when he attempted to kill it, the snake jumped at him. He dodged his head, and the reptile went over him. The lad afterwards prodded a pick and succeeded in killing it. The snake was exhibited outside the constabulary station, and is said to be the largest ever caught in the county.

During August 1,712 dogs were received at the Home for Lost Dogs, Battersea, S.W., making a total since Jan. 1 of 17,340.

Large parties may be seen daily on the Surrey commons and in the country lanes in quest of blackberries, which this year are plentiful.

Mr. A. S. Helps, solicitor, of Gloucester, and a prominent geologist, was killed on the railway at Churchdown, near Gloucester.

A motor-car travelling at a high rate of speed through Capelle au Bois, Belgium, where a fence was in progress, ran over and killed a child. Death was instantaneous, the child being decapitated.

Mr. A. Simes, overseer at "The Reading Mercury and Berks County Paper," recently completed 50 years' service there, and was presented with a gold-mounted walking-stick by the staff.

The Rev. Mark Bairdow, of Salem Congregational Church, Great Bridge, has received a unanimous call to succeed the Rev. J. G. Gascogne in the pastorate of Hope Congregational Church, Hanley.

Ernest Prosser, licensee of the Golden Cross Hotel, and his wife, were fined £5, and costs, by the Hertford magistrates, the former for keeping his premises open in contravention of the Betting Act, 1853, and the latter for permitting the house to be used for betting purposes.

Warsaw University, which has been closed since 1903, has been reopened. Of the 600 students who have entered only 38 are Poles, the rest being Russians and Jews. This is due to the fact that the Government refused to allow the university to "polonise" it, and the Poles thereupon resolved to boycott it.

At a meeting of the West Ham Education Committee it was reported that 50 teachers were leaving the service of the council to enter training colleges, while of the remaining 15 he was resigning "marriage" as the reason for leaving.

**OCTOGENARIAN PREACHER.**

Mr. Chan, Mashford, who had been a local preacher for nearly 50 years, and at one chapel had preached 200 times, has just died at Holbeach, Lincoln, aged 81.

**TO SAVE TROUBLE.**  
A firm in Paris is issuing cards, to be worn in the button-hole, bearing the inscription, "I am very well, thank you. I am fully aware of the state of the weather, and have heard all the latest news."

**THE LATEST FORM OF LIBEL.**

A woman in Vienna has brought an action against a man who knocked her against her in the street and then compared her to Count Zeppelin's airship, which could not steer straight. The courts declared the comparison was a libel, but whether on the airship or on the woman they did not specify.

**NEW ZEALAND'S MINERAL WEALTH.**

Gold, silver, coal and other minerals, including kauri gum, were produced in New Zealand in 1907, to the total value of £100,523,000. The dividends paid by the gold mining companies amounted to £732,000, being 30 per cent. of the total value of the gold production. The number of persons employed in the mining industry was 13,100.

Grown from a pip planted in 1850, an apple tree at Newbury has just received 20 bushels of fruit.

Mrs. Cousins, of Fawcett-nd., Croydon, who recently gave birth to triplets (all of whom are doing well) has received the King's Bounty of £3.

Hesekiah Monk, who has died in a poor-house at Utica, was born in the institution, and spent the whole of his life in it.

Tenders are invited this week by

the Admiralty for 14 destroyers for

the Navy of a speed of 27 knots an

hour.

Mr. D. C. Cummings, general sec-

retary of the Iron and Steel Ship-

builders' Society, has resigned his

position to become Labour cor-

respondent to the Board of Trade.

Because she had dropped her spec-

tacles out of the window, a woman

travelling between Harlow and Burnt

Mill, Essex, pulled the communica-

tion cord and stopped the train.

In trying to catch his bat, which

had been blown off, an Essex visitor

to Llandudno fell over the cliff. He

was picked up unconscious and con-

veyed to Llandudno Hospital.

Mr. Reginald Shirley, of the Lon-

don Polytechnic Cycling Club, cycled

from Birmingham to London and

back in 1hr. 41mins. 56secs., beating

the record by 22mins. 46secs.

Mr. Melton Prior, the war corre-

spounder and artist, was married at

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, to Miss

Georgina Douglas, daughter of the

late Mr. G. McIntosh Douglas.

Mr. David Richards, postmaster at

Henry, near Llanelli, was awakened

by his dog scratching at his bedroom

door. He jumped out of bed in time

to see a man leaving the premises,

and found that the man was missing from

the till.

A 14-storied school, designed speci-  
ally for education in commercial pur-  
suits, is being built in Chicago.

Mr. J. T. Taylor, who represented  
Hampstead on the L.C.C., died this  
week.

Mme. Barla, who had attained the  
age of 100 years, and was still very  
active, has been run over by a van

at Toulon, being instantly killed.

It was stated at a Salford inquest

on Wm. Power, who was fatally in-  
jured at a local electricity works, that  
one of his arms was broken in

21 places.

A profit of over £20,000—much be-  
low the average, owing to strikes—  
was, states a return just issued, made

on 148 of the most important Swiss

railways and tramways in 1907.

Joseph Harris, a miller, who has

died at Little Goggishall, Essex, aged

77, had worked in the same mill for

65 years and had served three genera-

tions of employers.

Mr. Tickle, clerk to the court, had

considerable difficulty in reading some

depositions at the Old Bailey. It was

found that they were written by the

Old-st. magistrate in the absence of

his clerk.

A train from Blackpool ran into a

stationary train from Walsall, at

New-st. Station, Birmingham. Two

coaches of the stationary train were

derailed, and several passengers suf-

fered from shock.

At the bottom of a well the wife of

Mr. J. Chatten, of the Plough Inn,

Carleton-Hope, Norfolk, was found

seriously injured. She left a letter

stating that she had murdered her

child, which was found dead in its

cradle with its throat cut.

The great electoral struggle which

will take place at the end of the pre-

sent Parliament will be a tight, and

I hope a fight to the finish, between

Free Traders and Protectionists.

Mr. Jno. Fuller, M.P., the Radical

Whip at Warminster.

**THE VILLAGE PUMP.**

The villagers of Corfe Castle, in

East Dorset, having made representa-

tions to the owners of the parish

pump that the water supply obtained

from that source was irregular and

inconvenient, the owners have sought

to surmount the difficulty by erecting

another pump.

**SOUVENIR HUNTERS' RAVAGES.**

The beautiful tomb of Lord Cardi-

gan, the leader of the charge of Bal-

clava, in the church at Deene, North-

amptonshire, has been greatly

damaged by souvenir hunters, and

the replica coronet which figured in

the earl's funeral has dis-

appeared.

**IGNORANT JURORS.**

Before five juries at Shoreditch

inquest could get the attendance

money allowed by the L.C.C., the

coroner's officer had to get the spell-

## "WILFUL MURDER."

YOUTH CHARGED WITH KILLING A BARMAID.

## A SEASIDE TRAGEDY.

A shocking tragedy which had occurred at Withernsea was inquired into by the coroner for South Holderness (Yorkshire) who held an inquest on a young barmaid named Kate Lee, in connection with whose death Chas. H. Woodman, employed at the Hull Tramway Depot, stands remanded. Verdict was present in court. He is stout little fellow, with a smooth, pink face, and as he entered between two constables he walked with an unsteady gait, and his pale face and prominent eyes gave him a somewhat ghastly appearance.

## The Father's Evidence.

Deceased girl's father, John Lee, a



MISS KATE LEE.

(Photo: Topham.)

man of about 45 years of age, employed as a "rigger" by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Ry. Co., as the first witness called. He said his daughter would have been 22 years old next December. She left her situation as a barmaid at the Queen's Hotel, Withernsea, on the morning of Sept. 8, but did not go home. Prisoner was an entire stranger to him, and he had no knowledge of any engagement between him and his daughter. He did recollect once, when he went to see her at the George at Hesle, that she said she knew a young electrical engineer at Hull. A sister named John Curtis said she knew Miss Lee, and he saw her sitting on a bench near the Pier steps with a young man, who had his arm round her neck. They were talking, and though he couldn't hear what they said, he knew they were not quarrelling. As he passed them the girl called out "Good night."

## The Scene Discovered.

The next witness, John Thos. Gray, clerk, said when he was walking along the footpath on the beach he saw a female lying on the sand. He stopped, thinking she had fainted, and then found that it was the

## DEAD IN A DYKE.

## PROFESSOR'S TRAGIC FATE.

The sad death of Prof. John Churton Collins was inquired into by Mr. Williams, the Suffolk County Coroner, at Gilton Broad on Thursday. Prof. Collins' body was found on Tuesday in a dyke at Carlton Colville, near Lowestoft. He had been in bad health for some time, and recently he stayed with his friend, Dr. Daniel, at Gilton Broad. He had improved a great deal, and was much more cheerful, although he still suffered from attacks of acute pain. It was alleged that on that date constable, said to be defendant, violently assaulted the complainant Gamble in Osborn-pi. Whitechapel, by knocking him down, in the presence of a woman named Ethel Griffiths, and kicking him in dangerous part of the body. It was said that the assault was witnessed by a police sergeant, who spoke to the constable.

## Gamble Heard at Night.

At the inquest, Christopher Sadler, farmer, of Ivy Farm, Carlton Colville, said that on Tuesday morning he found the professor's body, face downwards, in about 18 inches of water. The head was resting upon the mud; the hands were clenched under the body. He had heard groans on Saturday night about 10, but having searched about half an hour he found nothing to account for the sounds, which appeared to come from the stable. Dr. Daniels deposed that he had treated defendant for depression since August, and was firmly convinced that he did not commit suicide, but accidentally fell into the dyke when he awoke from the effects of a sedative which deceased had taken to induce sleep and alleviate pain. The tablets in his possession were not poisonous. The jury retired for 10 minutes, and then returned a verdict of accidental death, the foreman explaining that they believed deceased accidentally fell into the dyke when

Evidence was given in support of this statement.

## GRAVE CHARGE.

## ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A CONSTABLE.

An echo of the Police Commission was heard at Bow-st. Police Court, when P.C. Edwin Ashford, of the H. Division, was summoned, before Mr. Marshall, for causing bodily harm to a plaintiff's labourer named Geo. Gamble. Mr. Musket supported the summons for the Commissioner of Police. Mr. Wilson appeared for defendant. In opening the case Mr. Musket said that the alleged offence was committed on Aug. 21, 1903. It was alleged that on that date constable, said to be defendant, violently assaulted the complainant Gamble in Osborn-pi. Whitechapel, by knocking him down, in the presence of a woman named Ethel Griffiths, and kicking him in dangerous part of the body. It was said that the assault was witnessed by a police sergeant, who spoke to the constable.

## Again Knocked Down.

Gamble got up, and, after walking towards Brick-lane, he was again knocked down by the constable and again kicked in a dangerous part of the body. Somehow Gamble managed to get as far as the Victoria House. At about 4.45 the same morning he was taken to the London Hospital, and it was there found that owing to the kick he had received he was suffering from a serious injury which would probably prove permanent. He was detained in the hospital until Nov. 10, and was then sent to a convalescent home for a month. Witness said he had received his wages, but accidentally fell into the dyke when he awoke from the effects of a sedative which deceased had taken to induce sleep and alleviate pain. The tablets in his possession were not poisonous. The jury retired for 10 minutes, and then returned a verdict of accidental death, the foreman explaining that they believed deceased accidentally fell into the dyke when

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## Gamble's Evidence.

Complainant Gamble said he was sure that defendant was the constable who assaulted him. When he first spoke to him on the morning in question, witness had the woman Griffiths with him. Defendant said, "Get out of this. You are after no good. You ought to be ashamed of yourself." Witness told defendant that he ought to be ashamed of himself for a reason he gave. Defendant then walked behind him and trod on his heels. Eventually he pushed or knocked him down, and kicked him very severely. Another police officer came up and said to witness, "Get up and fight him like a man." This officer assisted him to rise, and witness then walked towards Brick-lane. Defendant followed and again assaulted him in the way described by Mr. Musket. After other evidence the case was adjourned.



THE LATE PROFESSOR CHURTON COLLINS.

(Photo: Topham.)

In a confused condition.—The funeral took place very quietly on Friday afternoon at Gilton Churchyard, near Lowestoft.

## SIXTEEN CASTAWAYS.

## LIVING ON AN ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC.

A couple of Reuter telegrams, which came to hand yesterday, tell a meagre but romantic story of castaways on Christmas Island, in the Pacific. One of the telegrams is from Sydney, and it informs us that the steamer Aeon, which went ashore on Christmas Island on July 18, while bound from San Francisco to Sydney, is reported by the five men of the crew who have reached Fanning Island, the mid-Pacific cable station, to be a total wreck. They say that all the crew and passengers, who include the wives of several American naval officers, are safe and well. They are camping out on Christmas Island, and have ample food and water from the ship's supplies. A house has been built for the ladies. The other telegram, which comes from Victoria (B.C.), says:—Further information which has come to hand regarding the wreck of the Aeon in mid-Pacific, shows that the survivors living on Christmas Island number 16. All the boats except two were smashed to pieces on the reefs. It took a month to remove the cargo and prepare a boat for the voyage to Fanning Island. The Chinese crew refused to work owing to the short rice ration. Old wreckage and graves were found on Christmas Island.

## CRUELTY TO A COW.

## FARMER'S BOY HEAVILY FINED FOR A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Yesterday, a shocking case of cruelty to a cow by a 16-year-old boy was told to the Nottingham magistrates. From evidence it appeared that boy, named Walter Smith, of Waddington-lane, Nottingham, was sent by Mr. H. Parr, farmer, of Gedding, to look after 16 cows. Later Mr. Parr noticed one of the animals bleeding profusely from a wound on the back, and the boy declared that the cow had fallen, inflicting the injury. A large hedge-cutting knife, however, was found stained with blood. A veterinary surgeon who examined the cow two days later, said that the wound was five inches long and two inches deep, and was clean cut. It was stated that the lad was very responsible, and had no intention of inflicting such serious injury. Defendant said he picked up the hedge-cutting knife and, thinking it was a stick, struck the animal, because it proved troublesome. The magistrate considered the offence a serious one, and fined defendant £2 and costs.

## THE ENGINEERS' DISPUTE.

In connection with the North-East Coast engineers' dispute, voting in 10 of the 12 branches in Newcastle has resulted in a majority against the acceptance of the provisional terms agreed to. There is still hope, however, that the result in the aggregate will be in favour of the men accepting the reduction, as the Southern districts are said to be favourable to a return to work. The votes are to be counted in London, and the result made known to-morrow.

## GROCERS' EXHIBITION.

## FULLY STOCKED GROCER'S SHOP AS PRIZE.

It is a truism that a greater depth of knowledge is required in every trade and calling nowadays than was necessary, say, 50 years ago, and how well the grocery trade has kept pace with the times is shown at the Grocers' Exhibition, which opened yesterday at the Agricultural Hall. Here grocery "students," who have attended technical education classes, will undergo an examination next week, and if qualified will be given certificates of proficiency, while the one who carries off the highest number of marks and proves himself the most qualified grocer will be awarded a fully-stocked and fitted-up grocer's shop. In addition there are the usual competitions in window dressing, bacon cutting, ticket writing, etc., and 50 guineas challenge cups for the best blend of tea and coffee in the cup. A novel feature consists of competitions in

## THE ART OF "CANTARING."

and "soliciting orders," in which the manner of getting orders from unwilling tradesmen will be fully explained. Marks will be given for "address," "general bearing," and arguments used, which list includes: "What is best to say," "How to say it," and—most important of all—"When to finish." In the exhibition itself there is much to interest the grocer and provision dealer, including a representative collection of food products from the Netherlands. Besides the general exhibits of cheese and butter, preserved meats and honey, starch, tobacco, Geneva, Hollands, liquors and products from Java and other Dutch colonies, there is a working cheese factory, which affords a practical illustration of the time-honoured way of cheesemaking at the Dutch farms.

## MOTOR-CAR ON FIRE.

A motor-car, containing four passengers—two ladies and two gentlemen—and a driver, suddenly burst into flames while proceeding along Westminster Bridge-ridg., yesterday. One of the ladies—Miss Gooch, of Lancaster-gate—and a gentleman—Mr. A. Lettington, of Lambeth-grove—received injuries which necessitated their removal to hospital, but the other occupants of the car, which was completely burned out, escaped more or less uninjured.

## LIGHTNING FREAKS.

Yesterday some remarkable freaks of lightning were reported from Leicester. A lady had her wedding ring torn completely from her finger, but escaped with a shock. An electric motor in a factory was suddenly stopped, while one sleeve of a blouse worn by a housemaid was burnt off. A flash of lightning stopped an electric car, which was filled with a remarkably brilliant light, causing great alarm to the occupants.

## WALKER WALKS.

Walter Williams, a packer on the G.E. Ry., was yesterday knocked down and cut to pieces by a train at Bellah Green Junction.

## LOVE'S LOTTERY.

## STORY OF AN ERRATIC MARRIAGE.

A curious and by no means happy experience of married life has been that of Helen Maloney, who, after more than a year's litigation and suspense in the Supreme Court of New York has just been freed from the ties binding her to Arthur Herbert Osborne. The pair were married as the result of a sort of sporting wager. The marriage took place and a clergyman performed the ceremony, but neither husband nor wife appeared to take the matter seriously, for immediately afterwards she returned to her mother and he to bachelor apartments. A few weeks later the lady obtained international notoriety by eloping with a young Englishman, a bright, cheerful young woman, and very popular with the family, in whose service she had been for 11 years, was cleaning the windows of this particular room, and while thus employed was joined by Miss Evelyn Hunt, 16, one of Mr. Hunt's daughters. The latter discovered the revolver, and what followed affords yet another instance of playing with firearms. Miss Hunt, it is stated, commenced playing with the revolver, but the servant, fearing that it might be loaded, took it away from her. They both examined the weapon, and after satisfying themselves that the chambers were empty the servant began flourishing the revolver about, pretending to shoot at imaginary objects. She pulled the trigger three times, but only a clicking noise resulted.

## STRUCK IN THE FOREHEAD.

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**THE ROUNDABOUT PAPERS.**  
XXX.—THE CHILD IN THE TRAM.

BY CHRIS.



The tram was full. Most of them, and also advise them to mind their own business in the future." There was a long and eloquent pause, during which time the pertinacious young questioner gazed somewhat nervously up into her mother's face. "I'm-rap, you'd better not call, I'm-rap, do you know why?" "No, my dear," said mamma, gazing abstractedly at the roof of the car. "Well, I-prap I made a mistake. Miss Barson Sharp said nothing about the sailor dress. Fact, I'm-sure she didn't. What—what you think I said at first it was. Where have you been for the holida—Mamma? No time to make mistakes, isn't it, mamma?"

We thought we had the full complement when the clang of the arresting bell brought the car to a standstill. "Just room for three," sang out the conductor. The trio entered. They consisted of a man wearing an ancient silk hat, a golden-haired lad whose hair was much younger than his face, and—a child. The latter at once monopolised the attention of the passengers. She was a bright, wide-eyed looking youngster of some five summers, whose bulging forehead and little snub nose suggested respectively a world of thought and a fund of aggressiveness. She broke the silence. "Mamma," she said. "Yes, dear," said the middle-aged lady with the young hair. "He said, resumed the young lady, indicating the conductor with a revolve of her big, round eyes, "that there was three of us. There ain't, there's two and a half of us." "Where's the half?" inquired her mother. "Why, me, of course," said the child, and she then demurely folded her white-gloved hands across each other and looked around her for prey. At this unfortunate moment the latest male passenger removed his ancient silk dish-cover, displaying a skull bereft of even the semblance of hair, and whose highly-polished surface reflected the glare of the electric light with painful intensity.

"Mamma," said the child, whose eyes seemed to trouble their size as they gazed on the bald-headed man; "I'm sorry for him." "Bee-oh," said "mama-ma," as she vexedly rubbed her nose and broke out in a drowsy perspiration. "My dear, you don't know what you're talking about." "Don't I?" said the little maid, with a fearless show of determination. "Well, you may think so, but I know I do." "Don't speak so loud," said the golden-haired lady, wiping her dry



The Bald-headed Man.

lips with the end of her last season's feather boa. The child was silent for a few seconds, but still continued to look with a fascinated eye on the bald-headed man. The word "Mamma," in a loud whisper, broke the silence. "Yes, dear," said the bearer of that title. "I wonder if he's sold it," said the child. "Sold what?" inquired mamma. "Why his hair, of course. But, mama-ma, I'm real really sorry for him. Do you know why, mama-ma?" "I don't want—" said the lady addressed. "Well, you've got to, mama-ma. Fancy, mama-ma, the poor man has to wash a face and a half every morning before he goes to school."

The man who had a face and a half to wash properly remained on his silk hat and extricated himself out from the car at the next stop. The young lady reflected on his sudden departure with a child-like composure. "Suppose he couldn't have slipping out, could he, mama-ma?" "Suppose not," said the distressed-looking mother, who was endeavouring to capture the kindly affections of an elderly specimen of British maidenhood, who



The Fat Man.

glared at the little critter through a pair of highly-polished spectacles, which were framed in a golden pinocchio. "Yes, mused the infant critic to herself, "and I know why: 'cause he was polished all over."

In the absence of a further victim, the young lady then expatiated on her own childish grievances. "Mama-ma, 've-ve my sailor dress you promised me!" "In the shop," promptly said mamma. "Is it? Well, if you know where it is, why don't you buy it?" queried her inquisitive progeny. "Do you know, mama-ma, what they said to me at school when I went back on Monday morning?" "I don't know, and really, my dear, I don't care, drawn forth mamma, adopting a regal, semi-dethatched, fifty-pound-a-year manner. "Well, you will care when I tell you. Why, teachers and Miss Barson Sharp all stood round me and said, 'Maria, where is the sailor dress your mother promised you?'" "Umph!" said the deflating sailor in the matter of the sailor dress, who let a wistful tremble on a fairly well-worn quivering eyelid for the edification of the unresponsive old maid. "Then I'll just call on that Miss Barson Sharp and the other teachers and tell them what I think

**DEATH IN THE CAR. CRYING FOR BREAD.**

**CHARGE AGAINST A PEER'S CHAUFFEUR.**

Intense interest was evinced at Woking Police Court when Max Wicksdale, Lord Newborough's chauffeur, of Alderney-st., London, was brought charged at West Hain with stealing a gammon of bacon, valued at £8, from inside 247, Prince Regent-st., the property of Thomas Smith.—Prisoner rushed into prosecutor's shop, snatched the bacon, and ran off. He was, however, quickly followed, and when given into custody he said to P.C. Mallett, "It's enough to make anyone sick. I've been walking about, and could not get work. When I went home I found the wife and my three children crying for bread, and I came out intending to steal."

**The Car Damaged.**

Prompt inquiries were set on foot by the police, and so successful were they, said Mr. Pearce, that at 8.30 a local detective at Southampton, on proceeding to the docks, was accused standing by the side of his car. The detective noticed the significant fact that the off-splashboard was indented and that the off lamp was also indented on the rim. On being arrested, accused denied having knocked the boy down but it would be perfectly well established that no other vehicle was on the road at that particular time.—Several witnesses were then called, who identified accused as the man they saw driving the car. One said there were two men.—Prisoner, on this being interpreted to him, said, "I had no one with me."—Witness: I am certain there were two people in the car.

**The Speed of the Car.**

—Mr. Webster, head teacher at Worplesdon, said he left the school at 4.30 on the afternoon in question. He passed the deceased boy Larby, and spoke to him in the yard, and then went into his garden. About a quarter to five his attention was attracted by two or three explosions, a noise as of skidding, and the sharp sounds of what he thought to be the lever of a motor-car. He watched the car pass, which it did at a very great speed round a sharp corner, very unsafe for the children of his school. On looking over the garden hedge he saw the body of deceased. Mrs. Barton, Perry Hill, described the car as driven at a tremendous speed by the accused, whom she picked out from a number of chauffeurs. It came within a yard of her pramulator.

**A Warning.**

—Fred Birmingham, chauffeur to Col. Elkins, said he was returning on the Thursday from Guildford. He met a cyclist at the corner of the Guildford side of the Perry Hill school, who lifted his hand in warning. Witness went right off to the left with his car, and as he did so a large dark-green car came round the corner at the rate of 30 or 40 miles an hour. It gave no warning, and did not slacken speed. He saw one man driving. He wore a dark uniform. Asked if he only saw one man, witness replied, "That is all I recognized." Birmingham then drove on and found the body. He had been unable to identify the driver.—Prisoner was remanded for a week, being informed that he might have bail—himself in £100, and two sureties of £100 each, or one in £200.

**RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR.**

A case of great interest to motorists was heard at the Old Bailey before Justice Pickford, when Claude Howard Reuben Levy, 31, a chauffeur, of Barry-rd., East Dulwich, was indicted for the manslaughter of Wm. Burr, aged 34, of Hagger-st., Bethnal Green. Mr. Muir prosecuted and Mr. Stewart defended.—His car knocked down the man Burr, who was crossing the street with a young woman named Calcutt, to whom he was engaged to be married. Calcutt was also knocked down, but was not very seriously injured. Burr was killed. The facts upon which the prosecution relied as showing that Levy was guilty of gross and culpable negligence were that he was driving through busy street on a Saturday night at a very fast pace—20 to 25 miles an hour—and that he did not give any warning of his approach, although there were persons crossing the street. Upon these points the witnesses for the prosecution were unanimous. 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